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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN JOSE DIVISION

In Re Apple and AT&T iPad Unlimited
Data Plan Litigation

Case No. 5:10-cv-02553 RMW

ALL CONSOLIDATED ACTIONS

**[] FINAL APPROVAL
ORDER REGARDING ATTM
SETTLEMENT**

1 This matter came on for hearing on February 7, 2014. The Court has considered the
2 Stipulation of Settlement (“Agreement”) entered into by and among defendant AT&T Mobility
3 LLC (“ATTM”), plaintiff Joe Hanna, as an individual and as “Class Representative” (collectively
4 the “Parties” in the above-referenced “Action”), together with all exhibits thereto, all oral and/or
5 written objections and comments received regarding the Agreement, the arguments and
6 authorities presented by the Parties and their counsel, and the record in the Action, and good
7 cause appearing,

8 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED AS FOLLOWS:

9 1. All terms and definitions used herein have the same meanings as set forth in the
10 Agreement.

11 2. The Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of the Action, the Class
12 Representative, the ATTM Non-Subscriber Settlement Class Members, and ATTM, and venue is
13 proper in this District.

14 3. The Court finds that the notice to the ATTM Non-Subscriber Settlement Class of
15 the pendency of this Action, this settlement, and Class Counsels’ application for attorneys’ fees
16 and expenses, as provided for in the Agreement and by Order of this Court, has been
17 implemented and constituted the best notice practicable under the circumstances to all persons
18 and entities within the definition of the ATTM Non-Subscriber Settlement Class, and fully
19 complied with all requirements, including Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23 and due process.

20 4. The Court approves the settlement as set forth in the Agreement and finds that the
21 settlement is in all respects fair, reasonable, adequate, and just to, and in the best interests of, the
22 ATTM Non-Subscriber Settlement Class Members.

23 5. The Court has specifically considered the factors relevant to class settlement
24 approval (*see, e.g., Churchill Vill., L.L.C. v. Gen. Elec.*, 361 F.3d 566 (9th Cir. 2004)) —
25 including, *inter alia*, the strength of Plaintiff’s case; the risk, expense, complexity, and likely
26 duration of further litigation; the risk of maintaining class action status throughout trial; the relief
27 provided for in the settlement; the extent of discovery completed and stage of the proceedings; the
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1 experience and views of Class Counsel; and the reaction of the ATTM Non-Subscriber Settlement
2 Class Members to the proposed settlement (including the claims submitted and the small number
3 of opt-out requests and objections)—and upon consideration of such factors finds that the
4 settlement is fair, reasonable and adequate to all concerned.

5 6. The Court has also scrutinized the settlement and negotiation history for any signs
6 of potential collusion (*see, e.g., In re Bluetooth Headset Products Liability Litigation*, 654 F.3d
7 935 (9th Cir. 2011)), and finds that the settlement is not the product of collusion. This finding is
8 supported by, among other things: the fact that the settlement was negotiated by experienced,
9 well-qualified counsel; the settlement provides substantial benefits to class members and such
10 benefits are not disproportionate to the attorneys' fees and expenses awarded to Class Counsel;
11 the benefits provided to ATTM Non-Subscriber Settlement Class Members are appropriate under
12 the circumstances of this case; the parties began negotiating regarding attorneys' fees and
13 expenses only after reaching an agreement regarding the key deal terms; and the settlement was
14 reached after ATTM filed numerous motions challenging the viability of Plaintiff's claims, both
15 on an individual and class-wide basis.

16 7. The Court has reviewed the two settlement objections that were submitted in this
17 case. Neither of the two objections was sent to the Clerk of the Court, and thus both objections
18 are invalid and overruled on the ground that they did not comport with the procedural
19 requirements for submitting settlement objections as required by this Court's Orders (Docket No.
20 187, ¶ 22, Docket No. 188, ¶ 22). Moreover, based on the statements in her objection and
21 information subsequently provided by ATTM, one of the two objectors, Carolyn Hughes, is not a
22 member of the ATTM Non-Subscriber Settlement Class and thus lacks standing to object to the
23 ATTM Settlement. Nevertheless, the Court has provisionally considered both objections and the
24 arguments made therein, and finds that in any event both objections lack merit and fail to state a
25 compelling basis for denying settlement approval. The objections are therefore overruled on that
26 additional ground as well.

1 8. Pursuant to Rule 23(c), the ATTM Non-Subscriber Settlement Class as finally
2 certified shall be defined as follows:

3 All persons in the United States who purchased or ordered an Apple
4 iPad 3G on or before June 7, 2010 but who did not sign up for or
5 purchase an ATTM data plan for that iPad 3G at any time.
6 Excluded from this Class are Apple; ATTM; any entity in which
7 ATTM or Apple has a controlling interest; ATTM and Apple's
8 directors and officers; Apple's employees; and ATTM and Apple's
9 legal representatives, successors, and assigns

10 9. Excluded from the ATTM Non-Subscriber Settlement Class are persons and
11 entities who submitted timely and valid requests for exclusion pursuant to section V.K of the
12 Agreement and this Court's September 26, 2013 Preliminary Approval Order (Docket No. 187),
13 as determined by the Settlement Administrator. A list of persons and entities who validly and
14 timely requested exclusion is on file with this Court at Docket No. 198-3, Ex. A.

15 10. The Parties and the Settlement Administrator shall, in good faith, implement and
16 administer the process of verifying, processing and honoring claims pursuant to the terms set
17 forth in the Agreement.

18 11. In connection with this settlement, the Court adjudges that payment of attorneys'
19 fees and expenses as set forth in this paragraph 11 is fair, reasonable and justified under the
20 circumstances of this case—given, *inter alia*, the relief achieved for the ATTM Non-Subscriber
21 Settlement Class Members, the time and effort devoted by Class Counsel, the complexity of the
22 legal and factual issues involved, and the contingent nature of the fee. In addition, even under the
23 standards set forth in 28 U.S.C. § 1712 and *In re HP Inkjet Printer Litig.*, 716 F.3d 1173 (9th Cir.
24 2013), the attorneys' fees pass muster. In connection with this settlement, the Court hereby
25 orders that the following attorneys' fees and expenses shall be paid to Class Counsel pursuant to
26 the terms of the Agreement and as set forth in this paragraph:

27 (a) Class Counsel is awarded \$17,219.55 as reimbursement for their litigation
28 expenses reasonably attributable to the claims against ATTM in this case, with such expense
portion paid pursuant to the terms of the Agreement; and

(b) Class Counsel is awarded attorneys' fees to be calculated pursuant to the

1 following formula: one-third (1/3) of the total aggregate dollar value of Data Plan Benefits
2 redeemed by ATTM Non-Subscriber Settlement Class Members, up to a maximum attorneys' fee
3 award of \$232,780.45 for the ATTM Settlement (i.e., for a maximum total award of \$250,000 for
4 attorneys' fees and expenses for the ATTM Settlement). Such attorneys' fees portion shall be
5 calculated, and paid by ATTM to Class Counsel, within thirty (30) days following the conclusion
6 of the time period during which Data Plan Benefits may be redeemed.

7 12. As of the Effective Date, the Class Representative and all ATTM Non-Subscriber
8 Settlement Class Members shall be forever barred from bringing or prosecuting, in any capacity,
9 any action or proceeding that involves or asserts any of the Released Claims against any Released
10 Person and shall conclusively be deemed to have released and forever discharged the Released
11 Persons from all Released Claims.

12 13. The Class Representative and all ATTM Non-Subscriber Settlement Class
13 Members shall, as of the Effective Date, conclusively be deemed to have acknowledged that the
14 Released Claims may include claims, rights, demands, causes of action, liabilities, or suits that are
15 not known or suspected to exist as of the Effective Date. The Class Representative and all ATTM
16 Non-Subscriber Settlement Class Members nonetheless release all such Released Claims against
17 the Released Persons. Further, as of the Effective Date, the Class Representative and all ATTM
18 Non-Subscriber Settlement Class Members shall be deemed to have waived any and all
19 protections, rights and benefits of California Civil Code section 1542 and any comparable
20 statutory or common law provision of any other jurisdiction.

21 14. The benefits and payments described in the Agreement are the only consideration,
22 fees, and expenses ATTM or the Released Persons shall be obligated to give to the Class
23 Representative, ATTM Non-Subscriber Settlement Class Members, and Class Counsel in
24 connection with the Agreement and the payment of attorneys' fees and expenses.

25 15. All claims asserted against ATTM in the Action are settled and dismissed on the
26 merits and with prejudice as to the Class Representative and all ATTM Non-Subscriber
27 Settlement Class Members. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Order does not dismiss any
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1 claims that have been or may be asserted in the future by any persons or entities who have validly
2 and timely requested exclusion from the ATTM Non-Subscriber Settlement Class as provided for
3 in section V.K of the Agreement.

4 16. Notwithstanding the dismissal of the claims asserted against ATTM in the Action,
5 ATTM shall not claim and may not be awarded any costs, attorneys' fees, or expenses. ATTM
6 shall not sue the Class Representative, Class Counsel, or the Class Members for malicious
7 prosecution or abuse of process based on the filing of the Action.

8 17. Without affecting the finality of the Judgment in any way, the Court reserves
9 exclusive and continuing jurisdiction over the Action, the Class Representative, the ATTM Non-
10 Subscriber Settlement Class Members, and ATTM for the purposes of supervising the
11 implementation, enforcement, construction, and interpretation of the Agreement, this Order, and
12 the Judgment.

13 18. The Agreement and this Order are not admissions of liability or fault by ATTM or
14 the Released Persons, or a finding of the validity of any claims in the Action or of any
15 wrongdoing or violation of law by ATTM or the Released Persons. The Agreement and
16 settlement are not a concession by the Parties, and to the extent permitted by law, neither this
17 Judgment, nor any of its terms or provisions, nor any of the negotiations or proceedings
18 connected with it, shall be offered as evidence or received in evidence in any pending or future
19 civil, criminal, or administrative action or proceeding to establish any liability of, or admission by
20 ATTM, the Released Persons, or any of them. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing in this
21 Order shall be interpreted to prohibit the use of this Order or the Judgment in a proceeding to
22 consummate or enforce the Agreement or Judgment, or to defend against the assertion of
23 Released Claims in any other proceeding, or as otherwise required by law. All other relief not
24 expressly granted to the ATTM Non-Subscriber Settlement Class Members is denied.
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19. Counsel for the Parties are hereby authorized to utilize all reasonable procedures in connection with the administration of the Agreement which are not materially inconsistent with either this Order or the terms of the Agreement.

IT IS SO ORDERED

Dated: T a & C F, 2014


THE HONORABLE RONALD M. WHYTE
United States District Judge